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FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH AND NORDNESS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO AMBASSADOR
SMITH DATE NOVEMBER 20, 1972 TO BE INCLUDED IN OPENING
STATEMENT BY SMITH. ALSO, FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE
WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE AND GENEVA. YOU SHOULD EMBARGO
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BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

THREE YEARS AGO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES EMBARKED ON ONE
OF THE MOST CRITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN OUR HISTORY. AT
THAT TIME THERE WAS LITTLE ASSURANCE THAT WE COULD FIND
COMMON GROUND FOR DISCUSSION, LET ALONE AGREEMENT ON
ISSUES THAT HAD NOT BEEN FULLY FACED IN THE POST-WAR
PERIOD AND THAT AFFECTED THE VITAL SECURITY OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED ON MAY 26 WAS A
MILESTONE NOT ONLY IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, BUT
IN THE LARGER EFFORT TO CREATE A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD.

THESE AGREEMENTS, IMPORTANT AS THEY ARE, CANNOT BE A
CAUSE FOR COMPLACENCY. WE HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP
AND THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN CREATED.
NOW YOU FACE A TASK WHICH IN MANY RESPECTS IS EVEN MORE

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COMPLEX AND MORE DIFFICULT, FOR BOTH SIDES WILL NOW BE OBLIGATED TO MAKE LONG TERM COMMITMENTS, IN A PERMANENT AGREEMENT, TO A STABLE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP FOR THIS DECADE AND BEYOND.

IN MY LETTER TO YOU THREE YEARS AGO I OBSERVED THAT NO ONE COULD FORESEE THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT I ALSO EXPRESSED MY CONVICTION THAT ARMS CONTROL WAS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY AND OF THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THAT SUCH MUTUAL INTERESTS DO, IN FACT, EXIST. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SALT AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS THE BASIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR CURRENT EFFORTS WILL MEET WITH NEW SUCCESS.

AS YOU AND YOUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES BEGIN A NEW ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS, YOU HAVE WITH YOU THE HOPES OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND INDEED THE HOPES OF ALL MANKIND.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

END TEXT.

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